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### **AIDS Administration**

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To: Physicians Practicing Medicine in the State of Maryland

From: The Maryland AIDS Administration

Date: April 24, 2007

Subject: Important Changes in HIV/AIDS Reporting

Effective April 24, 2007, the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007 requires all physicians to report by name to the health department all patients with diagnoses of HIV or AIDS and all newborn infants exposed to HIV infection. Physicians working in certain inpatient health care institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, correctional medical clinics, psychiatric facilities, and drug rehabilitation facilities) may be covered by their institution's reporting policy and should check with their institution or their local health officer.

Physicians are now required to comply with the revised Maryland law, Health General Article 18-201.1. Compliance with the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act will allow the development of complete and accurate statistics on HIV/AIDS disease and ensure that agencies across Maryland get full federal funding to provide services to persons living with HIV and AIDS.

Physicians should either call or mail the form DHMH-1140 (Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report) to their local health officer within 48 hours. HIV and AIDS case reports **MUST NOT BE SENT BY FAX**. Copies of the updated reporting form and its instructions, including the contact information for the local health officers, will be available shortly at:  
[www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/ProviderResources/surveillance.htm](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/ProviderResources/surveillance.htm).

For up to date information on HIV and AIDS reporting please visit:  
[www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/HivReporting/HivReport.html](http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/HivReporting/HivReport.html)

For additional questions about HIV and AIDS case reporting please contact the Maryland AIDS Administration.

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